LAST RANKER

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LAST RANKER
-pre The Last One-
JUST WHO IS THIS MAN WHO APPEARED IN FRONT OF THE DYING ZIG AND RECIEVED SEVEN KNIGHTS' NORMA'S ATTACK!?
Y...
IT CAN'T BE...
YOU ARE...
GOOD GRIEF... JUST WHEN I WAS COMING BACK FROM DEFEATING THE EVINOS' BOSS
SOMETHING INTERESTING IS HAPPENING..
LET ME IN TOO...
TH...
THAT PERSON IS...
THAT PERSON IS RANK 2...
HE EARNED HIMSELF SOME BAD REPUTATION IN GHANDOAR AND EVEN THE SEVEN KNIGHTS ACKNOWLEDGE HIS POWER...

CHAPTER 4 » TYLONG

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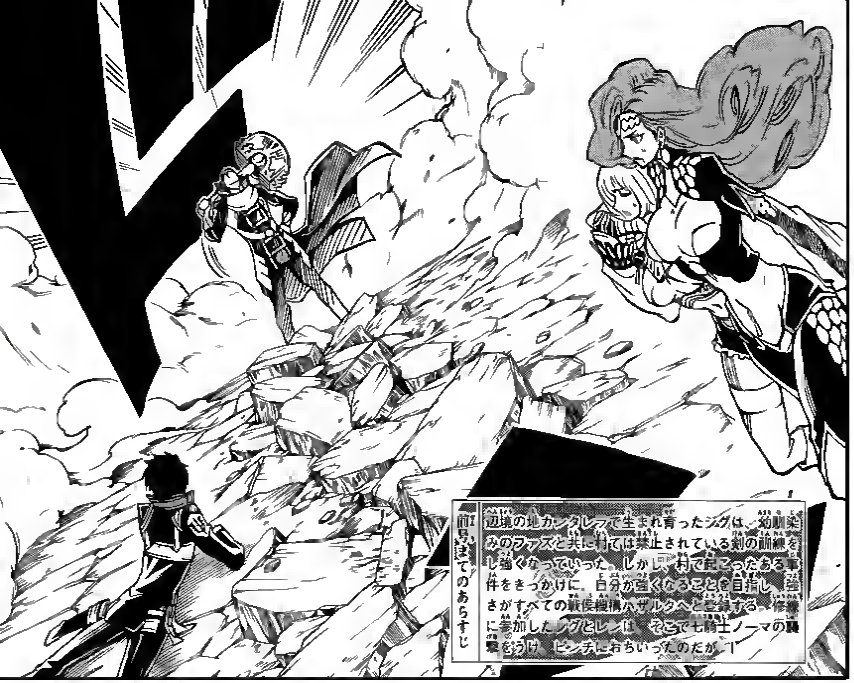
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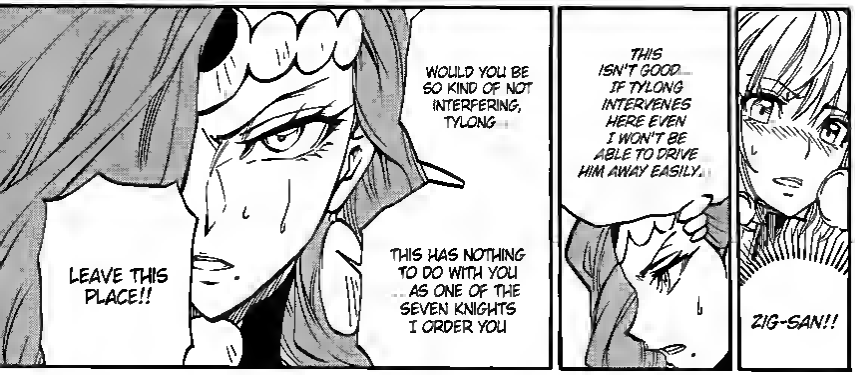
辺境の地カーラレアで生まれ育ったシグは、幼馴染みのファズと共に村では禁止されている剣の訓練を重ねていた。しかし、村で起こったある事件をきっかけに、自分が強くなることを目指し、学園に参加したシグとレンは、そこで七騎士ノーマの試験をうけ、ピンチにおちいったのだが…！

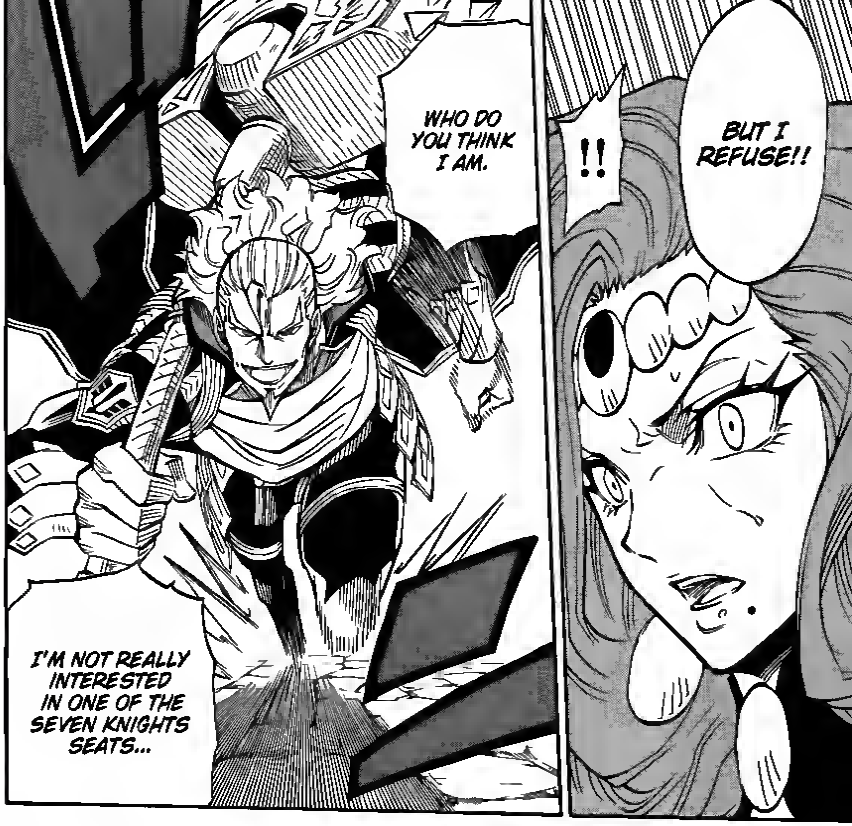
RANK 8, TYLONG...
ANOTHER ONE DIGIT RANKER.
KUH
THIS IS UNEXPECTED, TO THINK THAT TYLONG WOULD COME HERE...
HEY NII-CHAN, YOU'VE GOT SOME STRENGTH THERE,
TO THINK YOU COMPETED WITH ONE OF THE SEVEN KNIGHTS...
.....
BUT IT ISN'T JUST ENOUGH YET...
HMPH,
THIS GUY IS ALL WORN OUT BUT HE HASN'T LOST THE RADIANCE OF HIS EYES...

KUH!!
RIGHT, NORMA-SAN!!
WELL...
I HAVEN'T CATCHED ON THE WHOLE SITUATION YET BUT...
.. EH?
DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP?
I'M TELLING YOU I'LL HELP YOU DO THAT!!
YOU WANT TO SAVE THAT ONEE-CHAN RIGHT.
I CAN SOMEHOW TELL WHO'S THE COWARD ONE HERE!!
IN EXCHANGE...
!!...
U. UN-DERLING.
BECOME MY UNDERLING!!

ZIG, YOU SHOULD DO WHAT TYLONG-SAN SAYS!!
IF YOU CONTINUE THIS YOUR BODY WILL BREAK!!
LET'S BECOME HIS UNDER-LINGS!!


ZIG-SAN!!
THIS ISN'T GOOD... IF TYLONG INTERVENES HERE EVEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO DRIVE HIM AWAY EASILY.
WOULD YOU BE SO KIND OF NOT INTERFERING, TYLONG
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU ...AS ONE OF THE SEVEN KNIGHTS I ORDER YOU
LEAVE THIS PLACE!!

IF YOU LEAVE QUIETLY...
I MIGHT AS WELL RECOMMEND YOU TO BECOME ONE OF THE SEVEN KNIGHTS.
HMM.
YOU SAY THAT YOU'LL RECOMMEND ME TO THE SEVEN KNIGHTS!?
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT!!
SMILE


I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN ONE OF THE SEVEN KNIGHTS SEATS...
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM.
!!
BUT I REFUSE!!

AND
!!
CURSE YOU, TYLONG.

I CAN DRAG YOU OUT OF THE SEVEN KNIGHTS HERE!!
HMPH!!
COUGH!
REN!!

THAT TECHNIQUE IS!?
UYAA ORYAAA
GOOD GRIEF...
AT THIS RATE... IT'LL BE BAD.
ANGLE OF ELEVATION 72... ALRIGHT.
ICHIBANBOSHI!!!!

HE DID IT!!
TYLONG-SAN BEATED SEVEN KNIGHTS' NORMA...
NO... NORMA!!
THAT WOMAN... JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO HIT HER SHE MADE SOME SORT OF BARRIER AROUND HER...
I SHOULD SAY AS EXPECTED FROM ONE OF THE SEVEN KNIGHTS... SHE USES SOME WEIRD TECHNIQUES!!
NO...
I FAILED
IT CAN'T BE, SHE RECIEVED THAT GREAT BLOW!!
CU...
KUH...
CURSE YOU, TYLONG
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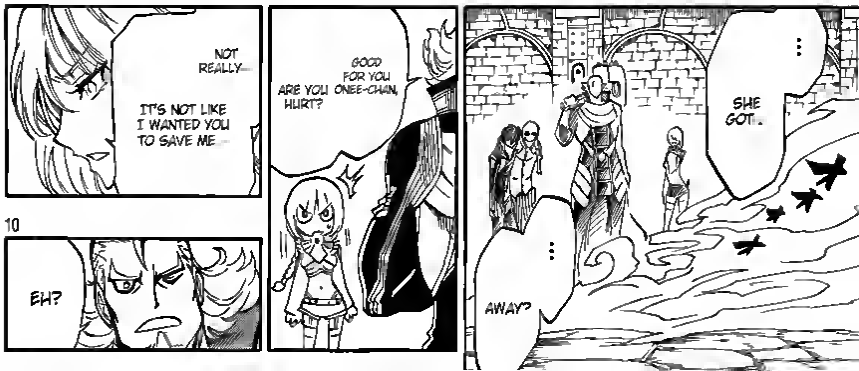
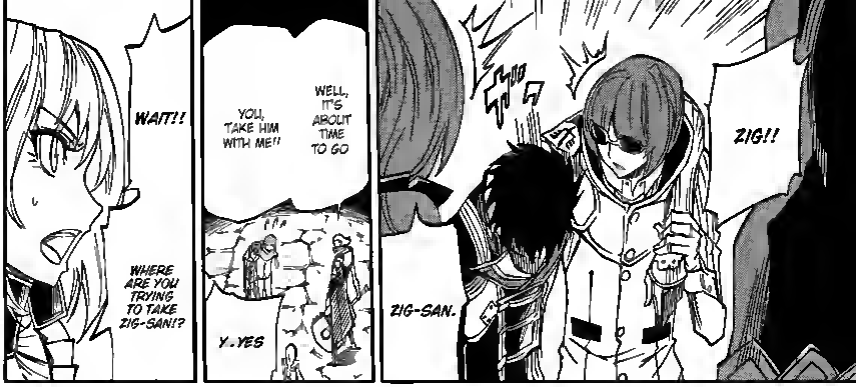
HIS STRENGTH IS ON PAR TO THE SEVEN KNIGHTS...
GRIND
I'LL HAVE TO RETREAT...
IF HE DIDN'T APPEAR I WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY OBTAINED THAT GIRL'S BODY...
REMEMBER THIS!!


NOT REALLY...
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED YOU TO SAVE ME...
GOOD FOR YOU ONEE-CHAN, ARE YOU HURT?
...
SHE GOT...
...
AWAY?
EH?

I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT YOU!!
YOU AND YOUR UNDERLINGS ABUSE YOUR POWER AND DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!!
YOU'RE JUST A GROUP OF HATED PEOPLE!!
GROUP OF HATED PEOPLE, HUH...
WELL... YOU'RE NOT WRONG...

...HOW HUMILIATING...
WHEN I THINK I WAS SAVED BY SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
WOULD YOU NORMALLY SAY THAT MUCH AFTER YOU'VE BEEN SAVED... --JEEZ WHAT A BOTHERSOME WOMAN...
THAT AGAIN!!
HAHAHAHA, THEY TELL YOU THAT A LOT!?
I'M GLAD... REN'S FINE...


WAIT!!
WHERE ARE YOU TRYING TO TAKE ZIG-SAN!?
YOU, TAKE HIM WITH ME!!
Y..YES
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME TO GO
ZIG-SAN.
ZIG!!

WHO'D JOIN YOU!!
WH...
HMPH.
STARTING NOW, HE'S MY UNDERLING...
THAT WAS THE PROMISE...
IF YOU WANT YOU CAN JOIN US TOO
ZIG... LISTEN
TYLONG IS RANK 8... HERE'S PROBABLY A LOT OF THINGS YOU CAN LEARN FROM HIM...

ZIG-SAN
YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO SAVE PEOPLE!
AFTER ALL YOU'RE ONLY THAT MUCH!!
NO!! MY STRENGTH ISN'T JUST THIS!!
I'LL BECOME STRONGER!! I'LL BECOME STRONGER AND...
WHAT WILL YOU AIM FOR AFTER BECOMING STRONG!?
WHAT'S THE REASON WHY YOU WANT STRENGTH SO MUCH THAT YOU ABANDONED YOUR HOMETOWN?
DO YOU WANT AUTHORITY!?
NO!!
OR DO YOU WANT REPUTATION!?
NO!!

!!
HAA
HAA
HAA
!!!!
HAA
HAA
A DREAM, HUH.

OH.
IT SEEMS YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE, NEWBIE!!
!?
.....
THIS IS...

BECOME MY UNDERLING.
TYLONG.
I SEE. THAT TIME HE SAID...
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M TYLONG FAMILY'S NUMBER 2.
THE BOSS TOLD ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!!
RID-SAMA!!

TYLONG FAMILY... HUH.
IT'S THE BOSS' ORDER, YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE A TEST TO SEE IF YOU CAN JOIN US OR NOT.
TEST?
HERE!! PUT THAT ON AND COME OUT NOW!
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE A TEST NOW!!
OH! DON'T TAKE THAT OFF
THAT'S TYLONG FAMILY'S SYMBOL, YOU'RE GOING TO FIGHT WITH THAT ON FROM NOW ON!!

MAKIS..!!
ZIG!!
IS THIS REALLY ALRIGHT...
I'M GLAD!! YOU'RE FINE NOW!!
YEAH, SOMEHOW... MOREOVER,
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JUST WHERE ARE WE?
TYLONG SETTLEMENT?
THIS IS...
TYLONG SETTLEMENT...

THIS IS GHANDOAR'S LOWEST CLASS DISTRICT---
GHANDOAR'S LOW DISTRICT
POOR AND OLD PEOPLE---
AND PEOPLE WHO CAN'T ADAPT TO THE ASSOCIATION SYSTEM... IT WAS A PLACE WHERE OUTCASTS GATHERED---
BUT, TYLONG IS FROM THIS DISTRICT ..
TYLONG SETTLEMENT
AFTER HE RISED SO SUDDENLY IN THE RANKS
THE ASSOCIATION FINALLY RECOGNISED THIS TERRITORY'S INDEPENDENCE!!

AND THEY CALLED IT "TYLONG SETTLEMENT"
TYLONG IS LIKE THE RULER HERE!!
THAT'S WHY EVEN THE ORGANIZATION CAN'T MEDDLE WITH THIS PLACE EASILY.

COME HERE QUICK!!
HEY YOU TWO, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO TALK THERE!!
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, EVERYONE LEAVES PEACEFULLY HERE!!
WELL, IT'S ALSO THE FIRST TIME I COME HERE...
WELL, IN OTHER WORDS IT'S A SPECIAL TRAINING BOARD WITH CONVENIENT JOBS FOR RUFFIANS LIKE US!
LISTEN!! THIS IS TYLONG'S SETTLEMENT'S EXCLUSIVE TRAINING BOARD!!
GHANDOAR TOUCAN NEIGHBORHOOD
SO!! WE'LL HAVE YOU DO A CERTAIN TRAINING FIRST!!
THAT'S YOUR FIRST TEST---
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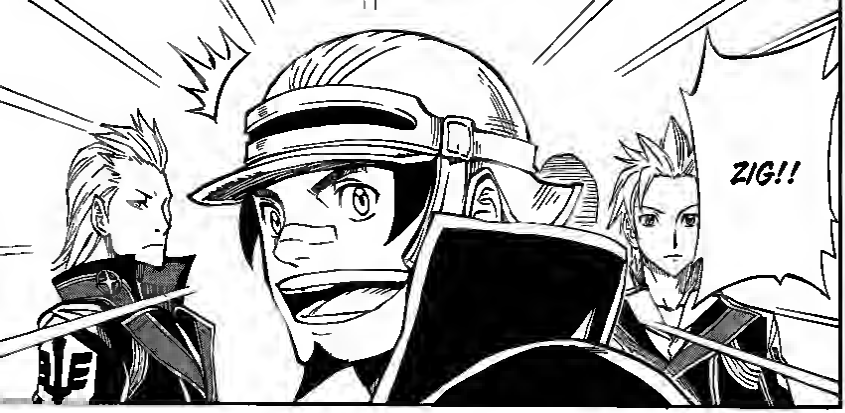
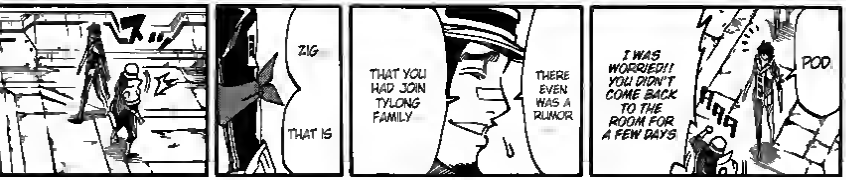
DOING OR NOT DOING IT IS YOUR OWN DECISION BUT IF YOU RUN AWAY YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY IN GHANDOAR ANYMORE...


ZIG!!


ZIG
THAT IS
THAT YOU HAD JOIN TYLONG FAMILY
THERE EVEN WAS A RUMOR
I WAS WORRIED!! YOU DIDN'T COME BACK TO THE ROOM FOR A FEW DAYS
POO

YOUR SWORD!!
GIVE ME
YOU'RE PROP FROM THE PALACE GUARD RIGHT.
.....
YEAH.

GIVE IT TO ME QUIETLY...
I'M TELLING YOU I'M TAKING THAT SWORD...
OR ELSE I'LL TAKE IT BY FORCE...
ZIG...
ZI...
.....
.....
WHAT!?
.....
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO!?

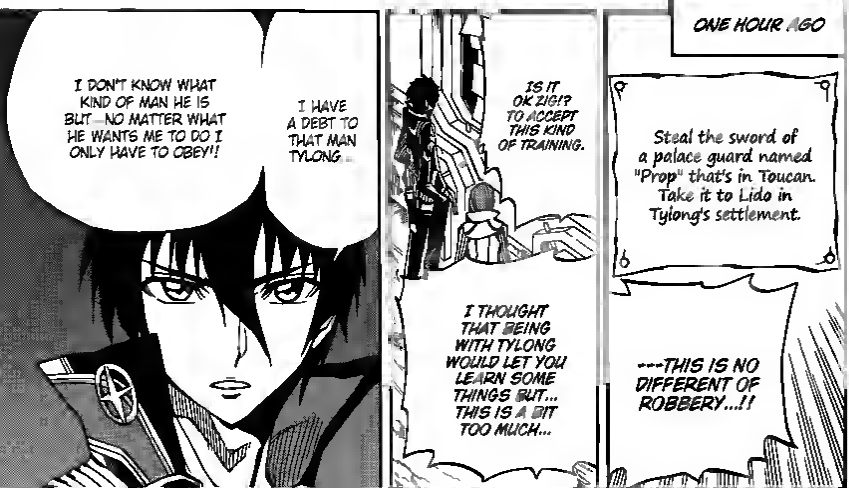
DON'T SCREW WITH ME!!
TAKE IT IF YOU CAN!!

GUH ...
MY HAND ...
チャッ
I CERTAINLY GOT IT...
ZIG!!
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT.
IT CAN'T BE... YOU...
REALLY JOINED TYLONG...
.....
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!!

ZIG.
POD ALSO TOOK CARE OF YOU RIGHT!!
I WON'T FORGIVE ANYONE WHO LOOKS DOWN ON POD!!
AND WHAT!! WHAT'S THAT ATTITUDE!?
ZIG, YOU BASTARD, POD IS A KIND AND REALLY GOOD GUY!!
CALM DOWN!!
I SAID IT'S OK.
IT'S OK.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU BUT...
IF...
THINGS GET ROUGH YOU CAN COME BACK ANYTIME!!
スッ
.....
ニヤリ
I'LL LEAVE YOUR BED FREE!!
IS THIS ALRIGHT?
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.
YEAH.

THANKS... POD...

CLUMSY...
HE'S REALLY...


ONE HOUR AGO
Steal the sword of a palace guard named "Prop" that's in Toucan. Take it to Lido in Tylong's settlement.
---THIS IS NO DIFFERENT OF ROBBERY...!!
IS IT OK ZIG!? TO ACCEPT THIS KIND OF TRAINING.
I THOUGHT THAT BEING WITH TYLONG WOULD LET YOU LEARN SOME THINGS BUT... THIS IS A BIT TOO MUCH...
I HAVE A DEBT TO THAT MAN TYLONG...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF MAN HE IS BUT—NO MATTER WHAT HE WANTS ME TO DO I ONLY HAVE TO OBEY!!

ZIG.
.....
FU
YOU'RE RIGHT, WE'RE ONE IN BODY AND SOUL.
IF YOU DECIDED THAT THEN I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO THE END!!
...
MAKIS.

ALRIGHT!!
JUST LIKE YOU WERE TOLD YOU BROUGHT THAT GUARD'S SWORD.
ギラ
I SEE
THIS IS A GOOD SWORD.
.....
BUT, THE NEXT TEST IS A TOUGH ONE.
ALRIGHT!! FOR NOW YOU'VE PASSED YOUR FIRST TEST!!
I WONDER IF YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CLEAR IT?

ZIG!! YOU HAVE TO FIGHT ALL OF THESE GUYS!!
AFTER A TRAINING COMES RANKING BATTLES TO EARN REPUTATION OF COURSE!!

W—WHAT ARE YOU
HI HI HI
FU FU
KU KU KU

ZIG! WE'LL SEE HOW GOOD YOU ARE!!
WE DON'T NEED WEAK GUYS IN THE TYLONG FAMILY!!
EVEN FOR ZIG, THIS MUCH OPPONENTS
THAT'S ABSURD!!
KUH— IT'S HEAVY. WHAT A PRESSURE...
ガキィン
I'M FIRST---!!

DON'T PUT US TOGETHER WITH NORMAL RANKERS!!
WE'RE REALLY GREEDY WHEN IT COMES TO MATCHES!!
A-A KICK!?
ORAORAH, YOUR SIDE IS WIDE OPEN!!

THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE FIRST TEST WHERE I HAD TO BETRAY POD!!
SUITS ME BETTER!!
JUST CROSSING SWORDS WITH SOMEONE LIKE THIS
HMM
NOT BAD
NEXT!!
YEAH!!
ZIG!!
DAMN IT... WHAT TO DO... AT THIS RATE... I'LL END UP JUST STANDING HERE AND WATCH HIM...
HMM. YOU'RE DOING IT-
BOSS!!

TYLONG-SAN!!
I BEG YOU!! STOP THIS FIGHT NOW!!
HOW IS HIM!? THAT ZIG GUY
YES... JUST LIKE YOU SAID HE ISN'T HALF BAD!!
WHY?
ISN'T THIS INTERESTING!?
STOP JOKING!! AT THIS RATE ZIG WILL DEFINITELY BREAK!!
HAA
HAA
HAA
KUH
INTERES-TING...
TY... TYLONG!!
IS THAT SO?
HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A WEAK GUY TO ME...
AND LOOK!!
AT HIS FACE!!

HE'S SMILING!!!
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I ONCE HAD THAT SAME LOOK SO I UNDERSTAND IT WELL...
IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING, FOR HIM CROSSING SWORDS IS...
THE SAME AS UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER WITH WORDS!!
THAT MIGHT BE WHY HE'S FRANTICALLY TRYING TO GET STRONGER, HE WANTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER PEOPLE

...
ギィン
ガキン
WELL...IT MIGHT ALSO BE THAT HE'S JUST A BIT CLUMSY...
TYLONG
HEY GRANDPA
TYLONG-SAN AND HIS MEN ARE FIGHTING WITH SWORDS AGAIN!
IT'S DANGEROUS SO DON'T GET NEAR!
IT'S OK, THEY TRAIN LIKE THAT IN ORDER TO PROTECT US
YE-S.

JUST WHAT... IS HE...
SI... SIX BEATEN
HAA...
HAA...
HAA...

YOU LOT!! IF WE KEEP LETTING THE NEWBIE BEAT US IT'LL DISGRACE TYLONG FAMILY'S NAME!!
NOW THAT IT'S OUR TURN TO THIS ATTACK HIM 3 ON 1!!
YEAH!!
LEAVE IT TO US.
NO WAY!! ZIG IS ALREADY ON HIS LIMIT AS IT IS...
IF 3 OF THEM ATTACK HIM NOW...
WHO'LL COME...
RIGHT, LEFT, CENTER
OR..

AH
GEEZ, KICK IT PROPERLY
SORRY

!!
THE WIND MADE A CLOUD OF DUST
THIS IS BAD
TYLONG?
THAT GIRL!!!
TYLONG-SAN?

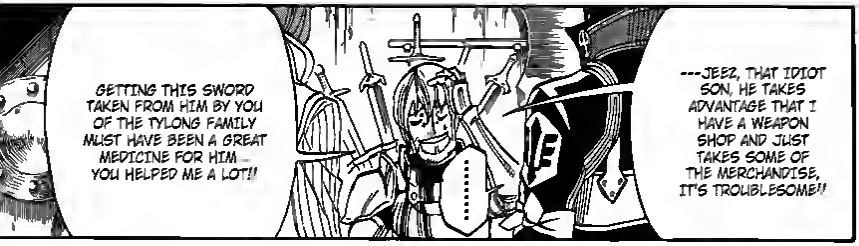
AN OPENING.
NOW!!
AN ATTACK FROM 3 DIRECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME!!
CAN YOU EVADE IT!?
NO GOOD!! I CAN'T DEFEND!!
BUT IF I EVADE IT...!!
33
IT'S ALL OR NOTHING ...
!!
.....
TH... THAT POSTURE IS,
IT CAN'T BE, BOSS'!!?

ICHIBANBOSHI!!!!
HAA
HAA
HAA
I DID IT...
ZIG------!!
WH...WHY CAN HE..USE BOSS' TECHNIQUE.
DAMN THAT GUY... HE ONLY SAW IT ONCE...
AND HE COULD STEAL MY BEST TECHNIQUE
WHAT AN OMINOUS GUY!!

CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
TYLONG'S SETTLEMENT'S BAR
BAMBILERA~~ HICCLIP WHAT'S THAT, A BUG? AHAHAHAHAHA
CANTA-LERA
BUT ZIG!! YOU'RE STRONG, WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO FIGHT?
DON'T HOLD BACK!! DRINK A LOT AND PARTY A LOT!!
NO... I...
C'MON, DRINK!! DRINK!! THIS IS YOUR WELCOME PARTY!!
HICCUP
WOO WOO
COUGH COUGH

WEAPON SHOP?
HURRY!!
TAKE THIS SWORD TO THE OLD MAN FROM THE WEAPON SHOP IN THE LOW DISTRICT!!
ONE MORE TEST FOR YOU!!
WHOOPS, I HAD FORGOTTEN, WE HAVE
!

NO---
THANK YOU!!
YOU TOOK THIS SWORD BACK FROM MY SON PROP HUH!!


GETTING THIS SWORD TAKEN FROM HIM BY YOU OF THE TYLONG FAMILY MUST HAVE BEEN A GREAT MEDICINE FOR HIM... YOU HELPED ME A LOT!!
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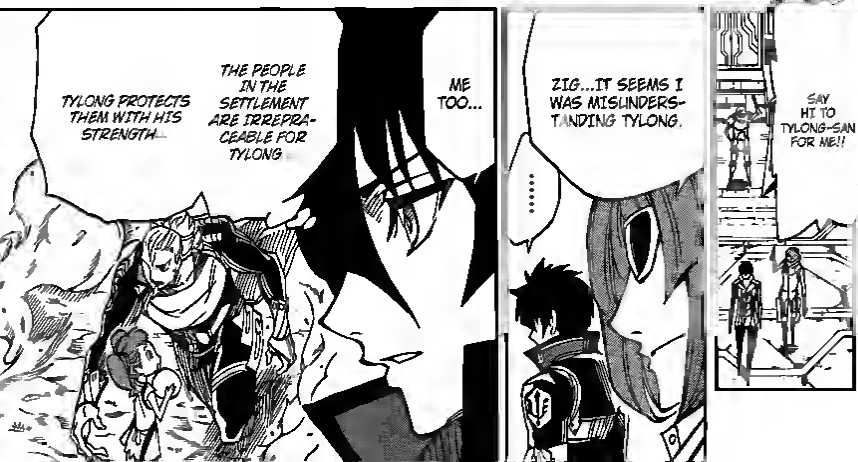
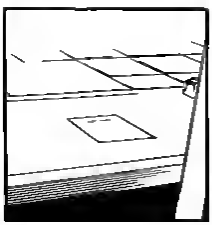
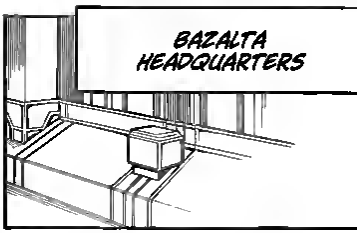
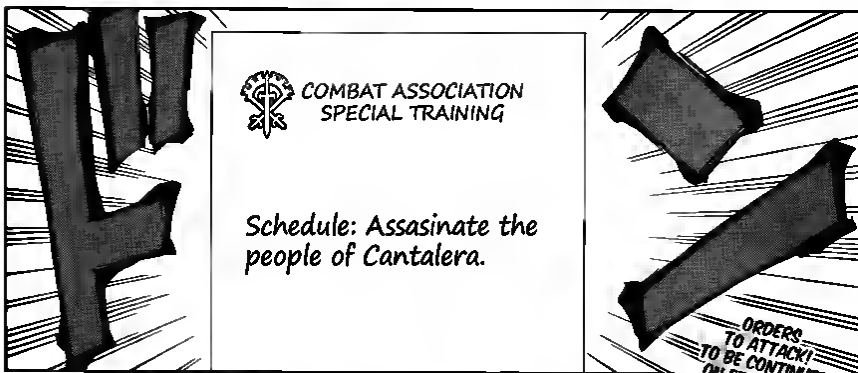
---JEEZ, THAT IDIOT SON, HE TAKES ADVANTAGE THAT I HAVE A WEAPON SHOP AND JUST TAKES SOME OF THE MERCHANDISE, IT'S TROUBLESOME!!


TYLONG PROTECTS THEM WITH HIS STRENGTH...
THE PEOPLE IN THE SETTLEMENT ARE IRREPRACEABLE FOR TYLONG...
ME TOO...
ZIG...IT SEEMS I WAS MISUNDERSTANDING TYLONG.
.....
SAY HI TO TYLONG-SAN FOR ME!!

WILL I BE ABLE TO LIVE LIKE THAT SOMEDAY
...
WELL, YOU MIGHT GET A BAD REPUTATION IN TOWN FOR A WHILE...
LET'S STAY UNDER THEIR CARE FOR A WHILE...
MAYBE.






COMBAT ASSOCIATION SPECIAL TRAINING
Schedule: Assasinate the people of Cantalera.
ORDERS TO ATTACK!
TO BE CONTINUED ON FEBRUARY'S ISSUE!!

Zig's Ranking

By defeating the rankers at Tylong's settlement.

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